

REMARKS

Applicant thanks Examiner Heckenberg for the analysis set forth in the February 15, 2005 Office Action.

Priority Claim

Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting that the priority claim has not been perfected. Applicant will order a certified copy of the Canadian priority document for filing as soon as allowable subject matter has been confirmed.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 3, and 4 presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Jennings Jr. et al. (US Patent No. 3,920,349).

The present invention is a portable concrete extruder which is mounted onto a motor vehicle. The type of vehicle that has typically been used is a miniature front end loader of the type sold under the trademark "Bobcat". As described on page 4, at line 17, when it is necessary to change positioning of the concrete form from one side of the vehicle to the other side of the vehicle, "concrete extruder attachment 10 may be switched from first position to second position by removing pin 36, swinging concrete extruder attachment 10 and replacing pin 36 in the opposite aperture 34". This is an extremely simple form of changeover, which takes less than a minute – a matter of a few seconds.

Jennings Jr. has a concrete extruder which rests on underlying front wheels 56 and 58 and rear wheel 62. It functions like a wagon. It could be attached to a motor vehicle for the purpose of being towed, but is not intended to be lifted and manipulated by the motor vehicle. As noted by the Examiner, provision is made to change the concrete extruder attachment to the other side of the wagon. This procedure is described commencing in column 3 at line 58 and continuing in column 4 to line 17. One essentially must disassemble and then reassemble the machine. In fact Jennings Jr. uses the words "removed" and "reassembled" in column 3 at line 68. There is an incredible list of adjustments required, which is in marked contrast with the swinging adjustment of the present invention. This is a job that must be done in a repair shop, requiring several hours of labor.

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Applicant thanks the Examiner for drawing attention to possible shortcomings in the language of the claims. Claim 1 has been amended to distinguish over the Jennings Jr. reference. The mounting is now described as being adapted to rigidly mount to one of a front or a back of a motor vehicle, in order to distinguish over the wagon of Jennings Jr. The hopper support is described as a hopper support arm. The pivotal movement of the hopper support arm is now described as being about a substantially vertical pivot axis. In relation to the locking means, it has been described that upon release of the locking means the hopper support arm is free to pivot about the pivot axis and swing in an arc to an other of the first position or the second position. This is intended to make clear that the release of the locking means is not the first step of disassembly, removal and reassembly. Claim 3 has been canceled. The cited reference to Baucom (US Patent No. 4,298,293) does not cure the deficiency in disclosure of Jennings Jr.

In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, requests reconsideration and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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